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Applicant: Ilan SHALEV  
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Title: VASCULAR COUPLING DEVICE  
Art Unit: 3767  
Examiner: Bhisma MEHTA

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Telephone Interview

Sir:

Further to an office action mailed February 9, 2007, the Examiner was kind enough to grant the Applicant an interview, a summary of which is provided hereinbelow.

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### Interview Summary

The telephone interview was conducted on May 3, 2007 at the applicant's request. The Applicant was represented by Maier Fenster (Reg. No. 41,016) and Dr. Sinai Yarus and the USPTO was represented by Examiner Bhisma Mehta.

Applicant requested the interview in order to clarify whether MPEP 2111.04 was relevant to the currently applied 102 rejections based on Kaplan and Zadno Azizi.

During the course of the interview, the Examiner asserted that structural features of the Kaplan apparatus are capable of meeting the limitations set forth in the "wherein" clause of claim 1.


Applicant proposed two possible amendments as means of differentiating the claimed apparatus from the art of record:

- 1) specifying in claim 1 that the aperture is on the hollow tube as opposed to on the extension; and
- 2) specifying in claim 1 that the extensions are fluid impermeable.

The Examiner suggested that either or both of these amendments would probably require an additional search and reminded the Applicant to indicate support for any amendment in the specification.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner and notes that the interview reflected a genuine interest in bringing the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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May 15, 2007